

AMENDMENT

In The Claims

1-30. (Canceled).

31. (Currently amended) A floatation system for a helicopter having landing skids, the floatation system comprising:

at least one inflatable float attached to the landing skids for buoyantly supporting the helicopter on water; and

an inflatable raft for transporting persons;

wherein the system includes a partially deployed configuration in which the at least one float is inflated and the raft is deflated.

32. (Currently amended) The floatation system of claim 31, wherein the system is adapted to be converted from a packed configuration to the a partially deployed configuration by use of a first actuating member.

33. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 32, wherein the system is adapted to be converted from the partially deployed configuration into a fully deployed configuration by use of a second actuating member.

34. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 31, wherein the at least one float and the raft are releasably contained within a cover member in a packed configuration.

35. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 32, wherein the raft and the at least one float are deflated in the packed configuration.

36. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 33, wherein the raft is deflated and the at least one float is inflated in the partially deployed configuration.

37. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 33, wherein the raft and the at least one float are inflated in the fully deployed configuration.

38. (Currently amended) A floatation system attached to a helicopter, the floatation system comprising:

a girt attached to the helicopter;

at least one float attached to the girt; and

a raft attached to the at least one float;

wherein the at least one float is adapted to support the helicopter and the raft is adapted to transport persons;

wherein the system includes a partially deployed configuration in which the at least one float is inflated and the raft is deflated.

39. (Currently amended) The floatation system of claim 38, wherein the system is adapted to be converted from a packed configuration to the a partially deployed configuration by use of a first actuating member.

40. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 39, wherein the system is adapted to be converted from the partially deployed configuration into a fully deployed configuration by use of a second actuating member.

41. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 38, wherein the at least one float and the raft are releasably contained within a cover member in a packed configuration.

42. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 41, wherein the raft and the at least one float are deflated in the packed configuration.

43. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 40, wherein the raft is deflated and the at least one float is inflated in the partially deployed configuration.

44. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 40, wherein the raft and the at least one float are inflated in the fully deployed configuration.

45. (Currently amended) A floatation system in combination with a helicopter landing skid, the floatation system comprising:

at least one inflatable float attached to the landing skid; and

an inflatable raft;

wherein the system includes a partially deployed configuration in which the at least one float is inflated and the raft is deflated.

46. (Currently amended) The floatation system of claim 45, wherein the system is adapted to be converted from a packed configuration to the a partially deployed configuration by use of a first actuating member.

47. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 46, wherein the system is adapted to be converted from the partially deployed configuration into a fully deployed configuration by use of a second actuating member.

48. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 45, wherein the at least one float and the raft are releasably contained within a cover member in a packed configuration.

49. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 46, wherein the raft and the at least one float are deflated in the packed configuration.

50. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 46, wherein the raft is deflated and the at least one float is inflated in the partially deployed configuration.

51. (Previously presented) The floatation system of claim 47, wherein the raft and the at least one float are inflated in the fully deployed configuration.

52. (Canceled)